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SUBJ: SECOND SESSION OF CONFERENCE WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE

1. MONDAY DEVOTED TO WORKER AND EMPLOYER GROUP MEETINGS. USG CHAIRED AD HOC GOVERNMENT MEETING WITH BELGIUM, CANADA, FRANCE, IRELAND, ITALY, JAPAN AND U.K. ATTENDING. GOOD BEGINNING WAS MADE IN ESTABLISHING COMMON GROUND BUT GROUP UNWILLING TO FORMULATE PACKAGE UNTIL INTENTIONS OF GROUP OF 77 TO NEGOTIATE COULD BE ASSESSED.

2. TUESDAY PLENARY SESSION, CHAIRED BY HELDAL(NORWAY), OFF TO REASONABLY GOOD START AFTER ATTEMPTS TO ENGAGE IN GENERAL DISCUSSION FAILED. POLYAKOV AN OBVIOUS LOSER ON THIS POINT. FOUR CONCRETE PROPOSALS WERE PUT FORWARD: (A) A G.B. ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE, (B) EMPLOYER AND WORKER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION PROGRAM ASPECTS OF PROGRAM AND FINANCE COMMITTEE. PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE EMPLOYER AND WORKER ATTENDING FIRST OF TWO PART MEETING WITH GOVERNMENT ONLY FOR SECOND PART CONCERNING BUDGET; (C) FORMALIZED PROCEDURE FOR MEMBER STATE PARTICIPATION IN THE NOMINATION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL; AND (D) FULLER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION IN DETERMINING AGENDA. NO DECISIONS WERE MADE. PLENARY DISCUSSION NOTICEABLY QUIETER DUE TO ABSENCE OF NEILAN, PIMINOV AND SALANNE.

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3. COMPARED TO OCTOBER SESSION, GROUP OF 77 VIRTUALLY SILENT;
THEY MADE NO ATTEMPT TO PUSH DISCUSSION OF FIVE POINT PROPOSAL
SUBMITTED AT CLOSE OF LAST SESSION. USDEL LEARNED PRIVATELY THAT
PROPOSAL FOR CONFERENCE CONSENT TO D.G. APPOINTMENT IS SENSITIVE
POINT FOR 77. APPARENTLY ALGERIAN SPOKESMAN HAS COMMITMENT TO FULFILL
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4. SINCE IT LIKELY UNFORESEEN ITEMS WILL BE PROPOSED
FOR ADOPTION, USDEL WILL CABLE OR CALL FOR INSTRUCTIONS AT END
OF WEEK, POSSIBLY ON SATURDAY. DALE

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